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**DECLARATION FOR UTILITY OR
DESIGN
PATENT APPLICATION
(37 CFR 1.63)**

☐ Declaration Submitted With Initial Filing **OR** ☒ Declaration Submitted after Initial Filing (surcharge (37 CFR 1.16 (e)) required)

Attorney Docket Number	EL-CFP00414
First Named Inventor	YU, CHUN TE
<i>COMPLETE IF KNOWN</i>	
Application Number	10/671,659
Filing Date	OCTOBER 29, 2003
Art Unit	3676
Examiner Name	GALL, LLOYD A

I hereby declare that:

Each inventor's residence, mailing address, and citizenship are as stated below next to their name.

I believe the inventor(s) named below to be the original and first inventor(s) of the subject matter which is claimed and for which a patent is sought on the invention entitled:

YU, CHUN TE; NO. 253, SEC. 3, YANHAI RD., FUSING TOWNSHIP, CHANGHUA COUNTY
506, TAIWAN R.O.C.; CITIZEN OF TAIWAN
NYKOLUK, CORY O.; 4240 RIDER TRAIL NORTH; ST. LOUIS, MO 63045; CITIZEN OF
U.S.A.

(Title of the Invention)

the specification of which

☐ is attached hereto**OR**☒ was filed on (MM/DD/YYYY) 10/29/2003 as United States Application Number or PCT International

Application Number 10/671,659 and was amended on (MM/DD/YYYY) (if applicable).

I hereby state that I have reviewed and understand the contents of the above identified specification, including the claims, as amended by any amendment specifically referred to above.

I acknowledge the duty to disclose information which is material to patentability as defined in 37 CFR 1.56, including for continuation-in-part applications, material information which became available between the filing date of the prior application and the national or PCT international filing date of the continuation-in-part application.

I hereby claim foreign priority benefits under 35 U.S.C. 119(a)-(d) or (f), or 365(b) of any foreign application(s) for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or 365(a) of any PCT international application which designated at least one country other than the United States of America, listed below and have also identified below, by checking the box, any foreign application for patent, inventor's or plant breeder's rights certificate(s), or any PCT international application having a filing date before that of the application on which priority is claimed.

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☐ Additional foreign application numbers are listed on a supplemental priority data sheet PTO/SB/02B attached hereto.

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I hereby declare that all statements made herein of my own knowledge are true and that all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true; and further that these statements were made with the knowledge that willful false statements and the like so made are punishable by fine or imprisonment, or both, under 18 U.S.C. 1001 and that such willful false statements may jeopardize the validity of the application or any patent issued thereon.

NAME OF SOLE OR FIRST INVENTOR:



A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor

Given Name (first and middle [if any])

Family Name or Surname

CHUN TE

YU

Inventor's Signature

Date

X Yu Chun Te

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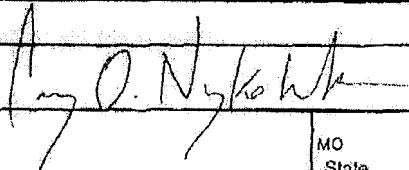
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Additional inventors or a legal representative are being named on the 1 supplemental sheet(s) PTO/SB/02A or 02LR attached hereto.

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DECLARATION	ADDITIONAL INVENTOR(S) Supplemental Sheet
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Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
CORY O.		NYKOLUK	
Inventor's Signature 		March 31, 2006 Date	
St. Louis Residence: City	MO State	USA Country	US Citizen Citizenship
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Mailing Address			
St. Louis City	MO State	63045 Zip	USA Country
Name of Additional Joint Inventor, if any:		<input type="checkbox"/> A petition has been filed for this unsigned inventor	
Given Name (first and middle (if any))		Family Name or Surname	
Inventor's Signature		Date	
Residence: City	State	Country	Citizenship
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DECLARATION OF CHUN TE YU

I, Chun Te Yu, declare:

1. I am a Taiwanese citizen over the age of 18 and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. I am the president for Fullyear-Brother Enterprise Co. Ltd., an assignee of this patent application.

3. I am the original named sole inventor for an invention depicted in the 10/671,659 U.S. non-provisional patent application. Hereinafter, the "659 Non-Provisional Patent Application."

4. The part of the invention regarding the padlock with general locking means formed in said lock body for locking or unlocking was invented by Mr. Cory Nykoluk.

5. Cory Nykoluk and I had an agreement that I would name Mr. Nykoluk as a co-inventor for the '659 Non-Provisional Patent Application. I proceeded to file the '659 Non-Provisional Patent Application and inadvertently forgot to name Mr. Nykoluk as a joint inventor for the '659 Non-Provisional Patent Application.

6. Pursuant to the requirement set forth in 37 CFR §

1.48(a)(2), I declare the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.


7. After further discussions with Mr. Nykoluk, to remedy the situation, Mr. Nykoluk agreed to assign the '659 Non-Provisional Patent Application to myself (50%) and my company Fullyear-Brother Enterprise Co., Ltd. (50%), collectively the assignees.

8. We proceeded to record the assignment. A true copy of the Assignment and Notice of Recordation of Assignment pertaining to the '659 Non-Provisional Patent Application is attached hereto as **Exhibit "1."**

9. For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request the Commissioner's favorable consideration in granting this petition.

These statements are made with the knowledge that willful false statement and the like are punishable by fine and/or imprisonment, under Section 1001 of Title 18 of the U.S. Code and that such statements may jeopardize the validity of this application and any registration resulting therefrom. I declare that the facts set forth in this application are true; all statements made of his own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Signed at Hsia-Nien Tsun, Fu-Hsing Hsiang, Changhu, Taiwan,
this 21 day of April, 2006.



Chun Te Yu, Declarant

EXHIBIT “ B ”

DECLARATION OF CORY NYKOLUK

I, Cory Nykoluk, declare:

1. I am a U.S. citizen over the age of 18 and if called as a witness, I could and would competently testify thereto.

2. That the entire delay in claiming the benefit of a prior provisional patent application was unintentional for the following reasons.

3. I am a co-inventor for an invention depicted in 10/671,659 U.S. non-provisional patent application. Hereinafter, the "'659 Non-Provisional Patent Application." Specifically, the concept of the padlock with a general locking means formed in said lock body for locking or unlocking was invented by me.

4. The applicant for the '659 Non-Provisional Application was Mr. Chun-Te Yu.

5. I had an agreement with Mr. Chun-Te Yu that he would name me as a co-inventor for the '659 Non-Provisional Application.

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6. I recently found out that Mr. Yu inadvertently forgot to name me as a joint inventor for the '659 U.S. Non-Provisional Patent Application.

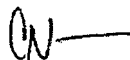
7. Pursuant to the requirement set forth in 37 CFR § 1.48(a)(2), I declare the error in inventorship occurred without deceptive intention on my part.

8. After further discussion with Mr. Yu and complying with my request and to remedy the situation, I agreed to assign the '659 Non-Provisional Patent Application to Mr. Yu's company FullYear-Brother Enterprise Co., Ltd.

9. We proceeded to record the assignment. A true copy of the Assignment and Notice of Recordation of Assignment pertaining to the '659 Non-Provisional Patent Application is attached hereto as **Exhibit "1."**

10. For the foregoing reasons, I respectfully request the Commissioner's favorable consideration in granting this petition.

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the validity of this application and any registration resulting therefrom. The undersigned further declares that the facts set forth in this application are true; all statements made of his own knowledge are true, and all statements made on information and belief are believed to be true.

Signed at MODESTO, CALIFORNIA, ~~Missouri~~, this 20 day of OCTOBER, 2006.

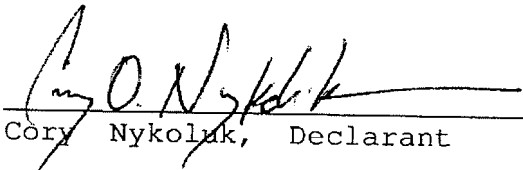

Cory Nykoluk, Declarant

EXHIBIT “ 1 ”

ASSIGNMENT

WHEREAS,

CHUN TE YU and CORY NYKOLUK hereinafter referred to as ASSIGNORS, have invented certain new and useful improvements as described and set forth in the above-identified application for United States Letters Patent:

WHEREAS, CHUN TE YU (50%) and FULLYEAR-BROTHER ENTERPRISE CO., LTD (50%) of 41-21, GUAN TSO STREET, FU SHING, CHANGHWA, TAIWAN R.O.C., hereinafter, collectively referred to as ASSIGNEES, are desirous of acquiring ASSIGNORS' interest in said invention and application and in any U.S. Letters Patent which may be granted on the same:

NOW, THEREFORE, TO ALL WHOM IT MAY CONCERN: Be it known that, for good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is hereby acknowledged by ASSIGNORS, ASSIGNORS have sold, assigned and transferred, and by these presents does sell, assign and transfer unto the said ASSIGNEES, and ASSIGNEES' successors and assigns, all their rights, title and interest in and to said invention and application and all future improvements thereon, and in and to any Letters Patent which may hereafter be granted on the same in the United States or anywhere, the said interest to be held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNEES as fully and exclusively as it would have been held and enjoyed by said ASSIGNORS had this Assignment and transfer not been made, to the full end and term of any Letters Patent which may be granted thereon, or of any division, renewal, continuation in whole or in part, substitution, conversion, reissue, prolongation or extension thereof.

ASSIGNORS further agree that they will, without charge to said ASSIGNEES, but at ASSIGNEES' expense, cooperate with ASSIGNEES in the prosecution of said application and/or applications, execute, verify, acknowledge and deliver all such further papers, including applications for Letters Patent and for the reissue thereof, and instruments of assigned and transfer thereof, and will perform such other acts as ASSIGNEES lawfully may request, to obtain or maintain Letters Patent for said invention and improvement, and to vest title thereto in said ASSIGNEES or ASSIGNEES' successors and assigns.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREON, ASSIGNORS have signed their names on the date(s) indicated.

Full name of sole or first joint inventor:

Inventor's signature X Yee Chun Te
CHUN TE YU
(GIVEN NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)
Date X 4/21/2006

Full name of second joint inventor (if any):

Inventor's signature X Cory O. Nykoluk
CORY NYKOLUK
(GIVEN NAME) (MIDDLE INITIAL OR NAME) FAMILY (OR LAST NAME)
Date X 11-MAY-2006



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DOC DATE: 04/21/2006

ASSIGNOR:

NYKOLUK, CORY

DOC DATE: 05/11/2006

ASSIGNEE:

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